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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997

MAJOR PROGRAMME VII. HUMAN RIGHTS, FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

Programme 36. International protection of and assistance to refugees

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.
2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.
3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 36, International protection of and assistance to refugees, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and subsequently revised by the Assembly in its resolution 47/214 of 23 December 1992 and issued in document A/47/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1.
4. The following text modifies paragraphs 36.3, 36.8, 36.17, 36.23, 36.40, 36.41 and 36.47 of A/47/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

A. Programme

1. General orientation

Paragraph 36.3

Replace the second sentence with the following: "Most recently, at its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted decision 48/307 of 4 November 1993, by which the term of office of the High Commissioner was extended for a further five-year period, from 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1998."

Paragraph 36.8

In the second sentence, after "most recently", replace the existing text with the following: "resolution 48/116 of 20 December 1993, other relevant resolutions adopted in recent years are resolutions 41/70 of 3 December 1986, endorsing the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on International Cooperation to Avert New Flows of Refugees; 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 47/168 of 22 December 1992 and 48/7 of 14 December 1993, on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations; 41/122 of 4 December 1986 and 42/107 of 7 December 1987, on the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa; 44/136 of 15 December 1989 and 45/137 of 14 December 1990, on the International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa; 46/108 of 16 December 1991, 47/107 of 16 December 1992 and 48/118 of 20 December 1993 on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa; 42/110 of 7 December 1987, on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons of Central America; 43/118 of 8 December 1988, 46/107 of 16 December 1991, 47/103 of 16 December 1992 and 48/117 of 20 December 1993, on the International Conference on Central American Refugees; 43/119 of 8 December 1988 and 44/138 of 15 December 1989, on the International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees; 48/114 of 20 December 1993, on emergency international assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Azerbaijan; and 48/113 of 20 December 1993, on the convening of a United Nations conference for the comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and migrants."

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 36.17

Replace paragraph 36.17 with the following:

"36.17 The financing of the activities of UNHCR relies primarily on voluntary contributions. In 1993, the Office's total expenditure financed by voluntary contributions amounted to \$1.3 billion."

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B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES
OR OTHERWISE BENEFITING REFUGEES

Paragraph 36.23 Replace the first sentence with the following: "The number of States that have acceded to the 1951 Convention and/or the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees has steadily increased over the years to reach 126 as at 20 April 1994."

SUBPROGRAMME 4. EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RELIEF, CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Paragraph 36.40 Replace the third sentence with the following: "In 1993, new emergencies in Africa, Asia and the Middle East have brought the number of people of concern to UNHCR to some 23 million people."

Paragraph 36.41 Replace paragraph 36.41 with the following:

"36.41 In the field of care and maintenance, in 1993 UNHCR was implementing large programmes in Ethiopia, Malawi, Guinea, Kenya and most notably in the former Yugoslavia. In south-west Asia, care and maintenance assistance to Afghan refugees in Pakistan remained the largest in the region. Included in the programme is a substantial component of income-generating and self-sufficiency activities. South-east Asia was also a major focus of UNHCR care and maintenance programmes in 1993; a major programme for refugees from Myanmar was implemented in Bangladesh. In Hong Kong, a large programme continues to be implemented for Vietnamese asylum-seekers. The Comprehensive Plan of Action agreed to at the International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees, held in June 1989, remains the framework for the solution to this case-load of Vietnamese asylum-seekers.

SUBPROGRAMME 5. DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Paragraph 36.47 Replace the last sentence with the following: "In 1993, the Office registered 43,760 refugees targeted for resettlement."
